

beneath the shift lever, allowing the rider to move the shift lever upward to shift the manual transmission.

2. (Amended) The all terrain vehicle of claim 1 wherein the shift lever is positioned above the toe portion and forwardly of the heel portion a sufficient distance to permit the rider [to insert at least a portion of a foot beneath the shift lever, allowing the rider] to so move the shift lever upward [to shift the manual transmission].

5. (Amended) The all terrain vehicle of claim 3 wherein the platform [optionally] includes one or more holes to permit water to drain therethrough, each such hole being sized to prevent [no such hole being sufficiently large to permit] a toe of a rider's foot from extending [to extend] therethrough.

6. (Amended) The all terrain vehicle of claim 3 wherein the platform [optionally] includes one or more holes to permit water to drain therethrough, such holes being sized and positioned to prevent a rider's shoe from extending therethrough.

17. (Amended) An all terrain vehicle comprising:
a chassis carrying a straddle-type seat which is adapted [sufficiently narrow] to be straddled by a rider;
a pair of front wheels mounted to the chassis, and handlebars connected to the front wheels for steering the front wheels;
a pair of rear wheels mounted to the chassis;
laterally extending footrests on opposite sides of the chassis; and
an engine carried by the chassis and connected to a manual transmission which in turn is connected to a drive train supplying motive power to at least some of the wheels, the transmission including a foot-operable shift lever adapted to shift the transmission among a plurality of forward gears, the shift lever being located on one side of the chassis adjacent one of the footrests [for shifting the transmission among a plurality of forward gears];

the footrest which is [located] adjacent to the foot-operable shift lever having generally horizontal heel and toe portions, the toe portion being positioned lower than the heel portion and the shift lever being positioned at generally the same height as the

heel portion, thereby defining a space between the shift lever and the footrest into which an operator may insert at least a portion of a foot to move the shift lever upward to shift the manual transmission.

18. (Amended) An all terrain vehicle comprising;
a chassis carrying a straddle-type seat which is adapted [sufficiently narrow] to be straddled by a rider;
a pair of front wheels mounted to the chassis, and handlebars connected to the front wheels for steering the front wheels;
a pair of rear wheels mounted to the chassis;
a laterally extending footrest on one side of the chassis; and
an engine carried by the chassis and connected to a manual transmission which in turn is connected to a drive train supplying motive power to at least some of the wheels, the transmission including a foot-operable shift lever adapted to shift the transmission among a plurality of forward gears, the shift lever being located on one side of the chassis adjacent the footrest [for shifting the transmission among a plurality of forward gears];
the footrest having heel and toe portions, the toe portion being positioned lower than the heel portion, the shift lever being spaced from the toe portion and the heel portion to permit the rider to insert at least a portion of a foot beneath the shift lever, allowing the rider to move the shift lever upward to shift the manual transmission.

REMARKS

The present amendment amends claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 17, and 18. This amendment neither adds nor deletes any claims, so no excess claims fees are believed necessary. If the Office determines that any such fees are necessary, they may be charge to Deposit Account No. 061910. It should be noted most of these amendments are intended solely to address the Examiner's concerns under the second paragraph of §112 and are not being presented to substantively distinguish the claims from the cited references.